



Aquidneck Island Reuse Planning Authority

Representing the municipalities of Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, Rhode Island

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

1p.m.

LOCATION: Middletown Police Station Community Room

Attendees:

Fred Faerber, Chairman pro tem, *Town of Portsmouth*
Julie Oakley, Property Reuse Coordinator, *Aquidneck Island Reuse Planning Authority*
David MacBain, *Town of Portsmouth*
Naomi Neville, *City of Newport*
Paige Bronk, *City of Newport*
Bill Corcoran, *City of Newport*
Dick Adams, Vice-Chair pro tem, *Town of Middletown*
Jan Eckhart, Secretary, *Town of Middletown*
Gladys Lavine, *Town of Middletown*
Allison Ring, *Town of Middletown*
Bob Gilstein, *Town of Portsmouth*

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairman Fred Faerber

Key Outcomes:

Approved the minutes from April 5, 2011 Meeting.

Decided to hold the Public Hearing on July 6, 2011 at CCRI Newport Campus' Auditorium at 6pm.

Agenda Items

- I. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. The meeting minutes from the May meeting were discussed and recorded but could not be formally approved because a quorum was not present at that meeting.
- II. Public Workshops
 - a. The last Public Workshop that AIRPA will hold will be the public hearing at which the AIRPA Board votes to approve/accept the preferred reuse plan for all of the surplus properties. J. Oakley proposed the week of July 11th for this meeting. It was agreed upon by the Board that the public hearing would be July 6, 2011 at 6pm at CCRI Newport Campus' auditorium. The Board also agreed to hold its July board meeting prior to the public hearing at 5:30pm.
 - b. The public hearing will consist of a presentation to the Board by RKG Associates and J. Oakley. All five parcels will be presented and voted on by the Board. Wording for the motions will be provided to Dick Adams, who as vice-chair will propose the motions at

the public hearing. The second to the motion will come from the municipality in which the parcel is located. After the second there will be discussion/public comment followed by the Board voting.

- c. The presentation for the public hearing should include a history of the planning process thus far along with documentation of every meeting that AIRPA held throughout the length of the process.

III. Grant/Budget Update

- a. J. Oakley will be attending the Association of Defense Communities conference in Norfolk, VA in July. This conference will exhaust the travel budget of the grant. J. Oakley will coordinate with the municipal planners to ensure all the session she attends are beneficial to the three communities.

IV. Communications Strategy

- a. Local
 - i. J. Oakley reviewed with the Board all the meeting that had taken place in the three communities to date to establish the preferred reuse plan and the recommended conveyance mechanism.
 - ii. J. Oakley will meet with the City of Newport board members and Paige after the meeting to discuss a timeline for meeting with the Newport Redevelopment Agency and the City Council.
- b. State
 - i. N/A
- c. Federal
 - i. AIPC and T. Dolen had a meeting with Senator Reed on May 20th to discuss Defense Highway/Burma Road and its potential southern connection to Coddington Highway. No deadlines were set for the action items discussed at the meeting but Senator Reed's office is working diligently to set up a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and all applicable parties.

V. Project Documents

- a. AIRPA's consultant RKG is producing the Reuse Plan and the Homeless Submission. By mid to late June, the AIRPA will be able to review the draft documents. J. Oakley will then post it to the FTP site for review and comments. If any comments result from the review they should be sent to J. Oakley for inclusion in the formal response to RKG.

VI. Next Steps/Planning Timeline

- a. Everything is on track for the process and timeline. The Board discussed the implementing LRA and how that would be formed. One major issue that needs to be addressed is liability and exactly how it would function. J. Oakley suggested that the Board hold the public hearing in July and then at the August board meeting discuss some of these topics with David Knisely, AIRPA's legal counsel. He would be able to take questions and discuss with the Board how one implementing LRA for the five parcels would function.

VII. Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

- a. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on the July 14, 2011 at 5:30pm prior to the public hearing.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Julie Oakley, Property Reuse Coordinator
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